

Case CM2344M

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:

U.S. National Phase Entry  
Under 35 USC § 371 from  
the International Application of :  
**Matthew Grady McGoff, et al.** :  
Int'l Appln No. PCT/US00/27333 :  
Int'l Filing Date of 04 October 2000 :  
Entitled: ELASTIC ARTICLES  
AND USES THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1 to 22 and insert therefor new Claims 23 to 46 as follows.

23. An elastic article comprising:

- a. an active ingredient; and
- b. a matrix formed from a polymeric material and a plasticiser, provided that when the plasticiser comprises water, said water is present at a level of at least 3% by weight;

wherein the article is adapted to deliver the active ingredient to an aqueous environment; wherein said matrix comprises a glass transition temperature (T<sub>g</sub>) of